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The Honorable Frances H. Stacy  
United States Magistrate Judge  
P.O. Box 61010  
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**ATTN:** Beverly White, Case Manager


Re: Civil Action No. 4:15-cv-01944; *Cynthia Gerard v. Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company*; in the  
United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division  
File No.: 02489-000312

Dear Judge Stacy:

I am counsel for Defendant Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company. The initial pretrial and scheduling conference is currently scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on November 3, 2015. I am requesting permission to appear on behalf of Defendant via telephone. I have consent from Plaintiff's counsel to appear by telephone, if allowed.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Regards,

  
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cc: Marc Whitehead via Email  
Anthony Vessel via Email  
Courtesy Copy to Judge Stacy via Facsimile pursuant to 3(b) of posted Procedures Manual